

Preliminary Draft Goals

Summary Report for MLPA Initiative Goals and Objectives Work Group

The Goals and Objectives Working Group met once by conference call and exchanged numerous emails. Staff telephoned members individually. Six sets of options for regional goals were proposed initially and a seventh was subsequently added. Two of the seven options received support by more than one member of the Working Group, and those are included here. A majority of members supported the first option, which is also the one recommended by MLPA staff.

Options for MLPA Initiative Central Coast Study Region Goals (**bold** text indicates language change from the original MLPA goals)

Option 1:

1. To protect the natural diversity and abundance of marine life, and the structure, function and integrity of marine ecosystems.
2. To help sustain, conserve, and protect marine life populations, including those of economic value, and rebuild those that are depleted.
3. To improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal disturbance, and to manage those uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity.
4. To protect marine natural heritage, including protection of representative and unique marine life habitats in **central** California waters for their intrinsic value. ("central" added)
5. To ensure that **central** California's MPAs have clearly defined objectives, effective management measures, and adequate enforcement, and are based on sound scientific guidelines. ("central" added)
6. To ensure that the **central coast's** MPAs are designed and managed, to the extent possible, as a **component of a statewide** network. ("state's" changed to "central coast's"; "component of a statewide" added)

Option 2:

1. To protect the natural diversity and abundance of marine life, and the structure, function and integrity of marine ecosystems.
2. To help sustain, conserve, and protect marine life populations, including those of economic value, and rebuild those that are depleted.
3. To improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities provided by marine ecosystems that are subject to minimal disturbance, and to manage those uses in a manner consistent with protecting biodiversity.
4. To protect marine natural heritage, including protection of representative and unique marine life habitats in **central** California waters for their intrinsic value. ("central" added)
5. To ensure that **central** California's MPAs have clearly defined objectives, effective management measures, and adequate enforcement, and are based on sound scientific guidelines. ("central" added)

6. To ensure that the **central coast's** MPAs are designed and managed, to the extent possible, as a network. ("state's" changed to "central coast's")

The MLPA Initiative Team recommends option 1 for the following reasons:

1. The language is consistent with that in the Master Plan Framework. For example, page 35, paragraph 2 states, "Network components will likely differ in each region of the state." Page 35, paragraph 4 states, "Within each region, components of the statewide network will be designed consistent with the MLPA and with regional goals and objectives."

2. The MLPA itself refers to a single, statewide network, and not to regional networks. For example, Section 2857(c)(5) states "The MPA network and individual MPAs shall be of adequate size, number, type of protection, and location to ensure that each MPA meets its objectives and that the network as a whole meets the goals and objectives of this chapter."

Other conclusions by the Work Team:

1. It may be necessary to develop separate objectives for each component of a multi-component goal.

2. Outreach and coordination to other stakeholders and other agencies are needed if MPAs are proposed that extend into state or federal waters outside of the central coast study region.